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CHANDRA R. BHAT RECEIVES WILBUR SMITH DISTINGUISHED TRANSPORTATION EDUCATOR AWARD FROM THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

AUGUST 20, 2008, WASHINGTON, DC— Dr. Chandra R. Bhat, Adnan Abou-Ayyash Centennial Professor in transportation engineering in the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering at the University of Texas in Austin, TX, USA, received the Wilbur Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award at the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) 2008 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, being held August 17–20, 2008 in Anaheim, CA, USA.

During his academic career, Dr. Bhat has established himself as one of the foremost international educators and leaders in the transportation profession through his integration of academic studies with the actual practice of transportation. He is also an internationally recognized research expert and pioneer in the development and use of quantitative techniques to study travel behavior.

Through his teaching, research, participation in professional conferences and field trips ranging from local to international, Dr. Bhat has provided his students with broad knowledge, skills and systems analysis capabilities. Moreover, his students have had excellent opportunities to relate their academic studies to the actual practice of planning, design and operation of transportation systems. In this manner, he has assisted students in finding highly challenging and rewarding jobs with some of the most prestigious organizations throughout the world.

Dr. Bhat, by all of these actions and his continuing level of personal commitment and enthusiasm, has inspired engineering and planning students not only to become transportation professionals, but also to recognize and pursue their potential as future leaders of the profession.

The Wilbur Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award is awarded annually to a professional who made an outstanding contribution to the transportation profession by relating academic studies to the actual practice of transportation.

For a complete listing of all of ITE's 2008 award winners, visit the ITE Web site at www.ite.org.

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